

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, July 23, 2004 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 72.0 million pounds during June. This was down 3 percent from one year ago but up 15 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For June, pork production was down, but sheep and lamb production was up from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 338,000 head during June compared to 340,800 head last year. Average live weight was 258 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from June 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 337,200 head, which was comprised of 2,400 sows, and 334,700 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,400 head during June, up 100 head from last year. Average live weight was 123 pounds, which was up 4 pounds from June 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,200 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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